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#### SECRETARY CHAPMAN ANNOUNCES 1950 WATERFOUL HUNTING RULES

Migratory waterfowl hunting regulations designed to gear the harvest to the production of wild ducks, geese, coots, and doves were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The amended regulations were approved by President Truman after adoption by Secretary Chapman in accordance with a Law of Congress making effective treaties relating to birds migrating between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They were recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service following the most extensive biological investigations ever made, and after consultations with State game administrators. Breeding ground surveys were carried on by the Service in cooperation with the Canadian Wildlife Service, the Provincial Game Departments, and various State Departments of Conservation. Several private organizations such as the Wildlife Management Institute, Ducks Unlimited, the Joint Black Duck Committee, the Winnows Point Gun Club and other gun clubs, also participated.

In submitting the recommendations for the 1950 season to Secretary Chapman, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "The Service has gone a long way during the past few years in attempting to adjust the hunting pressure to the anticipated flights of ducks and geese in the various portions of the United States which we commonly term 'flyways.' This year's regulations come closer to this goal than any that have ever been adopted previously. Also, the preferences of the states with respect to open season dates have been observed within the limits of uniformity for flyways and wherever consistent with sound conservation practices."

Briefly stated by Director Day, the major changes are these:

The length of the season in the Atlantic flyway states will remain the same as last year — 40 consecutive days or two periods of 16 days. (Bag limit of 4 ducks and 8 in possession remains the same.)

In the Mississippi flyway states the season has been reduced from 40 to 35 consecutive days or two periods of 14 days. (Bag and possession limit of 4 and 8 ducks remains unchanged.)

In the Central flyway states the length of the season will remain the same as last year — 45 consecutive days or two periods of 18 days, but the daily bag limit is increased by 1 duck and the possession limit by 2 ducks.

In the Pacific flyway states the season has been increased from 50 to 55 consecutive days or two periods of 22 days, with a daily bag and possession limit of 6 ducks. (Compared with last year, this is an increase of 1 duck in the daily bag and a decrease of 4 in the possession limit.)

Bag and possession limits on geese, according to Mr. Day, remain essentially the same as last year in each flyway.

In explaining the recommendations made by the Service, Director Day said:

"The Atlantic flyway continues to present the most static conditions as far as the distribution of hunters, birds, and harvest are concerned. Because the breeding ground surveys displayed no significant trend up or down, it seems wise to retain the same regulations as were in effect last year.

"In the Mississippi flyway, however, conditions do not appear to be as good as in the other flyways. Production in Manitoba was noticeably reduced over last year. This, combined with the unimproved conditions in the Canadian Far North, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and with the same or slightly improved situation in Minnesota, is not very favorable. In addition, during the 1949-50 season, this flyway had 43 percent of the hunters and 46 percent of the kill but only 20 percent of the birds. All these factors make it imperative that the season be cut back if we are to continue our policy of gearing the harvest to production.

"The over-all picture in the Central flyway shows some increase in production this year in the important breeding areas, particularly in Saskatchewan and North Dakota. In fact, this flyway shows the best improvement of any. In recognition of this the bag and possession limits have been increased to 5 and 10 ducks from 4 and 8. In other words, we are giving back to the hunters the one bird we took away a year ago."

Director Day characterized the changes in the Pacific flyway as an "experiment in an area that can stand it because there are more birds per hunter in this flyway than in any other in the country." During the 1949-50 season, Pacific flyway stat had 31 percent of the ducks but only 21 percent of the hunters and 24 percent of the kill. The over-all production for the Pacific flyway is expected to be about the same or slightly less than last year's.

Sportsmen living in the Pacific flyway states have long sought to have the daily bag and possession limit the same, according to Mr. Day. "This year we have agreed to go along with them on an experimental basis. We hope to find out whether or not the cause of waterfowl conservation can be better served if the bag and possession limit is the same. Certainly, this regulation should be an aid in law enforcement."

Some minor changes to be noted are the following:

At the request of State game administrators, the season has been closed on blue geese in Colorado; on all except Canada geese in Massachusetts; and in New Mexico the bag limit has been reduced from 5 to 3 geese, which limit may include not more than 2 Canada geese or 1 snow goose. In Texas the season has been closed on the black-bellied tree duck; and in those States having a season on band-tailed pigeons the bag limit has been reduced from 10 to 8 birds a day or in possession.

South Carolina and West Virginia are included with the States having an open season on woodcock, and an open season has been prescribed for white-winged doves in Imperial County, California. In New York and certain North Atlantic States, old squaw ducks are included in the bag limit for scoter and eider ducks. The hunting of mourning doves in Montana is limited to eight counties in place of the former

statewide season, and in Idaho the season on these birds has been opened in eight additional counties. Adjustments of the opening and closing dates for hunting rails, gallinules, woodcock, and mourning doves have been made in several States.

Salient highlights of the 1950-51 regulations are as follows:

OPEN SEASONS FOR DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS, BY FLYWAYS

Atlantic flyway states:

Most states chose a continuous season. Of the 17 states included in this flyway, only 5 -- Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York -- settled for a split season.

Connecticut, November 3-December 12.  
Delaware, November 3-18, and December 15-30.  
Florida, November 27-January 5.  
Georgia, November 27-January 5.  
Maine, October 6-21, and November 24-December 9.  
Maryland, November 27-January 5.  
Massachusetts, October 20-November 4, and December 15-30.  
New Hampshire, October 6-21, and November 17-December 2.  
New Jersey, November 17-December 26.  
New York, October 20-November 4, and December 8-23.  
North Carolina, November 27-January 5.  
Pennsylvania, October 13-November 21.  
Rhode Island, November 17-December 26.  
South Carolina, November 27-January 5.  
Vermont, October 20-November 28.  
Virginia, November 27-January 5.  
West Virginia, October 20-November 28.  
Puerto Rico, December 15-February 12.

Mississippi flyway states:

All 14 states of the Mississippi flyway, as last year, elected to have a continuous season.

Alabama, December 2-January 5.  
Arkansas, December 2-January 5.  
Illinois, November 3-December 7.  
Indiana, November 3-December 7.  
Iowa, October 20-November 23.  
Kentucky, December 1-January 4.  
Louisiana, December 2-January 5.  
Michigan, October 13-November 16.  
Minnesota, October 6-November 9.  
Mississippi, December 2-January 5.  
Missouri, November 3-December 7.  
Ohio, October 20-November 23.  
Tennessee, December 2-January 5.  
Wisconsin, October 14-November 16.

Central flyway states:

In this flyway, 4 states out of the 10 -- Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming -- selected the split season.

Colorado, October 6-23, and December 19-January 5.  
Kansas, October 20-December 3.  
Montana, October 6-23, and November 17-December 4.  
Nebraska, October 20-December 3.  
New Mexico, October 13-30, and December 19-January 5.  
North Dakota, October 6-November 19.  
Oklahoma, November 3-December 17.  
South Dakota, October 6-November 19.  
Texas, November 3-December 17.  
Wyoming, October 6-23, and November 24-December 11.

Pacific flyway states:

California, Nevada, and Utah, in the Pacific flyway, decided on the split season while the remaining 4 states elected a continuous season.

Arizona, November 12-January 5.

California, November 12-January 5 for waterfowl and coot in those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties, east of U. S. Highway 95 from the Nevada line south to Blythe and east of the paved and graded road extending from Blythe to Ripley, Palo Verde and Ogilby south to its intersection with U. S. Highway 80, thence east to Yuma. October 20-November 10, and December 15-January 5, in rest of the state.

Idaho, November 3-December 27.

Nevada, October 13-November 3, and December 8-29.

Oregon, November 3-December 27.

Utah, October 13-November 3, and November 24-December 15.

Washington, November 3-December 27.

~~Alaska:~~ In the Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions, September 1 to October 25; in the Third Judicial Division (except Kodiak-Afognak Island Group), September 7 to October 31; in the First Judicial Division and the Kodiak-Afognak Island Group October 1 to November 24, provided that scoter and eider ducks also may be taken in the Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions from September 1 to October 31 and in the Third Judicial Division west of 152° W. Longitude from September 7 to December 21. The bag limit for scoters and eiders is 10 a day singly or in the aggregate of all kinds, and not more than 20 singly or in the aggregate of all kinds in possession.

(Any special exceptions to the above dates for all flyways, as well as the open seasons and bag limits for rails, gallinules, woodcock, mourning or turtle doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons, are shown in tabular form by flyways in the schedules attached at end of this release.)

## DAILY SHOOTING HOURS

Ducks, geese, brant, and coot. -- The daily shooting hours are the same as last year -- from one-half hour before sunrise to one hour before sunset.

Rails, gallinules, woodcock, mourning or turtle doves, white-winged doves and band-tailed pigeons. -- The daily shooting hours are the same as last year -- from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, with certain exceptions as noted in schedules.

Opening day of season. -- On the opening day of the season -- including each first day of the split seasons -- waterfowl and coot may not be hunted prior to 12 o'clock noon. In Wisconsin the opening day of the season for waterfowl, coot, rails and gallinules will start at 1:00 p.m.

Special hours for mourning doves in certain states. -- The daily shooting period for mourning doves in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia will be from 12 o'clock noon until sunset. In New Mexico the shooting hours for mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons will be from 12 o'clock noon until sunset on the first day of the season; thereafter, from sunrise to sunset.

(For specific exceptions on shooting hours for all species, see footnotes on all the schedules attached at end of release.)

## DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Ducks. -- Bag and possession limits of 4 a day and 8 in possession in the Atlantic and Mississippi flyway states will remain the same as last year.

In the Central flyway states, however, the bag limit has been increased from 4 to 5 a day, and the possession limit from 8 to 10.

Pacific flyway states will have the daily bag and possession limit the same -- 6 ducks.

Geese. -- Daily bag and possession limits for geese will be essentially the same as last year, as follows:

In the Atlantic flyway states the daily bag and possession limit for geese will be 2. Included in this limit can be either 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or 2 white-fronted geese. In addition the hunter can have 3 blue geese a day or in possession. In Massachusetts, however, only Canada geese (including its subspecies) may be taken. No snow geese or brant can be taken in Atlantic flyway states.

In the Mississippi flyway states the daily bag and possession limit for geese will be 4, including in such limit not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose. (No shooting of geese will be allowed in that part of Alexander County, Illinois, previously established as a closed area.)

In the Central flyway states, except in New Mexico, 5 geese may be taken, including in such limit not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose. In New Mexico the bag and possession limit has been reduced from 5 to 3 geese, and this limit may include not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or 2 white-front geese, or 1 snow goose.

In the Pacific flyway states, the daily bag and possession limit for geese is 6, the same as last year, in any combination not exceeding 2 of Canada geese or its subspecies, white-fronted geese, or brant. The ~~closed~~ season is continued on Ross' geese.

Wood ducks.—No open season in Massachusetts and West Virginia in Atlantic flyway; in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming in Central flyway; and in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah in Pacific flyway. In all other states and Alaska, bag or possession limit may include only 1 wood duck.

Coots.—The bag limit for coots remains the same as last year—15 birds a day in the Atlantic and Pacific flyways and 10 a day in the Mississippi and Central. Possession limits are the same as the daily bag limits.

Scoters and eider ducks.—The daily bag limit of 7 scoters or eider or old squaw ducks singly or in the aggregate, and not exceeding 14 in possession singly or in the aggregate, is continued in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island where these birds may be taken in open coastal waters only, beyond outer harbor lines, from September 17 to December 17. In areas other than those beyond outer harbor limits, such birds may be taken during the open seasons for other ducks.

Rails.—In all flyways, not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.

Sora.—The daily bag and possession limit in all flyways remains the same as last year—25 birds—except in Florida where the limit is 15.

Woodcock.—In the Atlantic and Mississippi flyway states, and in Oklahoma and in certain counties in eastern Texas and elsewhere in that state where permitted to be hunted (see attached schedules at end of release), the daily bag limit for woodcock is 4 and the possession limit is 8.

Mourning or turtle doves.—In the states of all flyways wherein hunted, the bag and possession limit is 10 birds.

American and red-breasted mergansers.—In all flyways, 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. After the opening day of the season there is no possession limit.

Band-tailed pigeons.—Daily bag and possession limit has been reduced from 10 to 8 in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington—the only states where the shooting of this species is permitted. This year California will again have the same split season for band-tailed pigeons as last year, from September 16 to 30 and from December 17 to 31. In New Mexico band-tailed pigeons can be hunted south of Highway 60 from September 16 to October 15, but there is no open season in rest of state.

## CLOSED SEASONS

Closed seasons on certain species will be in effect as follows:

On wood ducks in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming;

On snow geese in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison counties in Montana, and in the states of Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming, and on snow geese and brant in states of the Atlantic flyway;

On blue geese in Colorado;

On geese of any species in Canyon County, Idaho, except a strip 1 mile wide on each side of the Boise River and a strip 1 mile wide on the northeast side of the Snake River; and in that part of Alexander County, Illinois, established as a closed area by Presidential proclamation on October 1, 1947;

On Ross' geese and on all swans throughout the country;

On mourning doves in Alaska, Connecticut, parts of Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, parts of Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;

On woodcock in Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Puerto Rico, and Tennessee; and

On black-bellied tree ducks in Texas.

## MEANS FOR TAKING BIRDS

The regulation which prohibits the use of automatic-loading or repeating shotguns capable of holding more than three shells still continues in effect. An amendment which went into effect two years ago provides that the plug in such a shotgun must be incapable of being removed without disassembling the gun.

The regulations do not authorize the taking of waterfowl by "baiting" or over any "baited place," or with the aid of live duck or goose decoys. These terms are defined as follows: "Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute for such birds a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over the area where hunters are attempting to take them. Baited place shall mean any place where, at any time during the open seasons on such birds, shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or any other feed whatsoever that may attract such birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered."

## TRANSPORTATION AND POST-SEASON POSSESSION LIMIT OF GAME

To permit sportsmen to transport to their homes ducks and geese killed on the last day of the season at some distant point, shipments from Canada and Mexico can be made as late as 5 days following the close of the season in the province or state where taken. In the United States hunters can make interstate shipments up to 48 hours following the close of the shooting season in the state where taken.

The regulations permit the transportation out of and possession in another state during the period of the open season where killed, and for 90 days thereafter of wild ducks and geese taken in a flyway having a larger possession limit than other flyways.

In connection with such transportation or importation, dressed birds, as of identification, are required to have the head, head plumage, and feet attached.

Any package in which such birds (or parts thereof) are transported must have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee, together with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained in the package, clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside.

The post-season period for possession of migratory game birds remains the same as in previous years--90 days.

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(a) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>		<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>		<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOORING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>
	<u>DUCKS:</u>	<u>GESE (EXCEPT SNOW GESE) :</u>	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	
DAILY BAG LIMITS	4 (1)	2 (2)	15	25	15 (3)	4 10
POSSESSION LIMITS	8 (1)	2 (2)	15	25	15 (3)	8 10
SEASONS IN: (4)						
Connecticut (5)	Nov. 3-Dec. 12			Sept. 1-Oct. 15	Sept. 15-Oct. 30	Oct. 21-Nov. 19
Delaware	Nov. 3-Nov. 18 and Dec. 15-Dec. 30			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 15-Nov. 13	Nov. 15-Dec. 14 Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Florida	Nov. 27-Jan. 5			Sept. 15-Nov. 13 (6)	Sept. 15-Nov. 13 (6)	Dec. 17-Jan. 15 (7) (8)
Georgia	Nov. 27-Jan. 5			Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (9)	Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (9)	Dec. 23-Jan. 21 Dec. 17-Jan. 15 (8)
Maine (5)	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 and Nov. 24-Dec. 9			Oct. 6-Oct. 21 and Nov. 24-Dec. 9	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 and Nov. 24-Dec. 9	Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Maryland	Nov. 27-Jan. 5			Sept. 1-Oct. 20	Sept. 1-Oct. 20	Nov. 15-Dec. 14 Sept. 1-Sept. 30 (8)
Massachusetts (5)	Oct. 20-Nov. 4 and Dec. 15-Dec. 30 (10)			Oct. 20-Oct. 30 (9)	Oct. 20-Oct. 30 (9)	Oct. 20-Nov. 18
New Hampshire (5)	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 and Nov. 17-Dec. 2			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (9)	Sept. 15-Nov. 13 (9)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30
New Jersey	Nov. 17-Dec. 26			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Oct. 20-Nov. 18

(a) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>	<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>	<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>
	<u>DUCKS: GEESE (EXCEPT SNOW GEESE):</u>	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
New York (5)	Oct. 20-Nov. 4 and Dec. 8- Dec. 23	Oct. 20-Nov. 4 and Dec. 8-Dec. 23 (9)	Oct. 20-Nov. 4 and Dec. 8-Dec. 23 (9)	See note 11
North Carolina	Nov. 27-Jan. 5	Oct. 2-Dec. 1 (9)	Oct. 2-Dec. 1 (9)	Dec. 12-Jan. 11
Pennsylvania	Oct. 13-Nov. 21	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (9)	Sept. 15-Nov. 13 (9)	Oct. 10-Nov. 8
Rhode Island (5)	Nov. 17-Dec. 26	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 1-Nov. 30
South Carolina	Nov. 27-Jan. 5	Oct. 2-Dec. 1 (9)	Oct. 2-Dec. 1 (9)	Dec. 12-Jan. 11
Vermont	Oct. 20-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 15-Nov. 13	Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Virginia	Nov. 27-Jan. 5	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 20-Dec. 19
West Virginia	Oct. 20-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 15-Nov. 13	Oct. 14-Nov. 12
Puerto Rico	Dec. 15-Feb. 12	Dec. 15-Feb. 12	Dec. 15-Feb. 12	Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and Dec. 23-Jan. 6 (8)

- (1) No open season on wood duck in Massachusetts and West Virginia. In other States, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after the opening day of the season.
- (2) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or 2 white-fronted geese, and in addition 3 blue geese a day or in possession.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.
- (4) No open season in District of Columbia but migratory game birds may be possessed therein in accordance with § 6.6 (c).

(a) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

- (5) Scoter, elder and old squaw ducks may be taken in open coastal waters only, beyond outer harbor lines, in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island, from Sept. 17 to Dec. 17. In areas other than those beyond outer harbor lines such birds may be taken during the open seasons for other ducks. In these States only, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, elder or old squaw ducks singly or in the aggregate, and not exceeding 14 in possession singly or in the aggregate.
- (6) Florida: Rails (including sora) and gallinules, daily bag and possession limit 15, singly or in aggregate of all kinds.
- (7) Florida: Mourning doves in Dade, Monroe, and Broward Counties, Oct. 1 to Oct. 30.
- (8) Shooting hours for mourning doves in States indicated--12 o'clock noon until sunset.
- (9) Rails and gallinules: When permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season they may not be hunted after 1 hour before sunset.
- (10) Only Canada geese (including its subspecies) may be taken in Massachusetts.
- (11) New York: East and north of Oswego river from Lake Ontario to its junction with the Oneida river, Oneida river to Oneida Lake, north shore of Oneida Lake to Barge Canal, Barge Canal to Rome, the main line of N. Y. Central R. R. from Rome to Albany, and main line of Boston and Albany R. R. from Albany to Massachusetts state line, Oct. 9 to Nov. 1, incl.; west and south of the above described boundary (except Long Island), Oct. 20 to Nov. 12, incl.; that part of New York known as Long Island, Oct. 23 to Nov. 15, incl., from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the opening day, and thereafter from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in each of these zones.

(b) MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES

MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT

DUCKS : GESE : COOT

WOODCOCK

MOURNING OR  
TURTLE DOVE

RAILS AND GALLINULES

SORA : OTHERS

DAILY BAG LIMITS

4 (1) 4 (2) 10 25 15 (3)

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POSSESSION LIMITS

8 (1) 4 (2) 10 25 15 (3)

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SEASONS IN:

Alabama

Dec. 2-Jan. 5

Dec. 2-Jan. 5 (4)

Dec. 1-Dec. 30

Dec. 17-Jan. 15 (5)

Arkansas

Dec. 2-Jan. 5

Sept. 1-Oct. 30

Dec. 1-Dec. 30

Sept. 16-Oct. 15 (5)

Illinois

Nov. 3-Dec. 7 (6)

Sept. 1-Oct. 30

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Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Indiana

Nov. 3-Dec. 7

Sept. 1-Oct. 30

Oct. 15-Nov. 13

Iowa

Oct. 20-Nov. 23

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Kentucky

Dec. 1-Jan. 4

Sept. 1-Oct. 30

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Sept. 1-Sept. 30 (5)

Louisiana

Dec. 2-Jan. 5

Sept. 1-Oct. 30

Dec. 23-Jan. 21

Dec. 1-Dec. 30 (5)

Michigan

Oct. 13-Nov. 16

Oct. 13-Nov. 16 (4)

See footnote 7

Minnesota

Oct. 6-Nov. 9

Sept. 16-Nov. 14 (4)

Oct. 1-Oct. 30

Mississippi

Dec. 2-Jan. 5

Oct. 15-Dec. 13 (4)

Dec. 1-Dec. 30

Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and  
Jan. 1-Jan. 15 (5)

Missouri

Nov. 3-Dec. 7

Sept. 1-Oct. 30

Nov. 10-Dec. 9

Sept. 1-Sept. 30

(b) MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>	<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>	<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>
	<u>DUCKS</u> : <u>GEESE</u> : <u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u> : <u>OTHERS</u>		
Ohio	Oct. 20-Nov. 23	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (4)	Oct. 8-Nov. 6	
Tennessee	Dec. 2-Jan. 5			Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and Oct. 16-Oct. 30 (5)
Wisconsin	Oct. 14-Nov. 16 (8)	Oct. 14-Nov. 16 (4) (8)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30	

- (1) Bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after the opening day of the season.
- (2) Including in such limit not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.
- (4) Rails and gallinules: When permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season they may not be hunted after 1 hour before sunset.
- (5) Shooting hours for mourning doves in States indicated--12 o'clock noon until sunset.
- (6) No open season for geese in that part of Alexander County, Ill., established as closed area by proclamation 2748 of Oct. 1, 1947 (12 F. R. 6521).
- (7) Michigan: Woodcock, Upper Peninsula, Oct. 1 to Oct. 20; Lower Peninsula, Oct. 15 to Nov. 5.
- (8) Wisconsin: On opening day the season for waterfowl, coot, rails and gallinules will start at 1 p.m.

(c) CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>		<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>		<u>MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>
	<u>DUCKS</u> :	<u>GEESE</u> :	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SOA</u> :	
DAILY BAG LIMITS	5 (1)	5 (2)	10	25	10
POSSESSION LIMITS	10 (1)	5 (2)	10	25	10
SEASONS IN:					
Colorado	Oct. 6-Oct. 23 and Dec. 19-Jan. 5 (4)				Sept. 1-Oct. 12
Kansas	Oct. 20-Dec. 3			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Montana	Oct. 6-Oct. 23 and Nov. 17-Dec. 4 (4)				See footnote 6
Nebraska	Oct. 20-Dec. 3			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 1-Oct. 1
New Mexico (7)(8)(9)	Oct. 13-Oct. 30 and Dec. 19-Jan. 5			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 1-Oct. 12 (9)
North Dakota	Oct. 6-Nov. 19			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	
Oklahoma (10)	Nov. 3-Dec. 17			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
South Dakota	Oct. 6-Nov. 19			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	
Texas (10)(11)(12)	Nov. 3-Dec. 17 (13)			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	See footnotes (11)(12)
Wyoming	Oct. 6-Oct. 23 and Nov. 24-Dec. 11 (4)			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	

(c) CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

- (1) No open season on wood duck in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. In other States, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after opening day of the season.
- (2) Including in such limit not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.
- (4) No open season on snow geese in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison Counties in Montana, or in the States of Colorado and Wyoming. No open season in Colorado on blue geese.
- (5) Rails and gallinules: When permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season they may not be hunted after 1 hour before sunset.
- (6) Montana: Mourning doves in Yellowstone, Big Horn, Custer, Carter, Powder River, Fallon, Prairie, and Dawson Counties, Sept. 1 to Sept. 15; no open season in rest of State.
- (7) The bag and possession limit on geese in New Mexico is 3 which may include not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 snow goose.
- (8) New Mexico: Band-tailed pigeons, south of highway 60, Sept. 16 to Oct. 15; daily limit 8, possession limit 8; no open season in rest of State.
- (9) New Mexico: Shooting hours for mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons on first day of the season, 12 o'clock noon until sunset; thereafter from sunrise to sunset.
- (10) Woodcock: Oklahoma, Dec. 1 to Dec. 30; Texas, in the counties of Shelby, Nacogdoches, Angelina, Trinity, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers, and all counties south and east thereof, Dec. 23 to Jan. 21; no open season in rest of Texas. Daily limit 4, possession limit 8.
- (11) Texas: Mourning doves in Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby Counties and all counties north and west thereof, Sept. 1 to Oct. 15 from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset; in the rest of State (but not including Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties), Oct. 20 to Dec. 3 from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset; in these latter counties Sept. 15, 17, and 19 from 4 p.m. until sunset and from Oct. 20 to Nov. 30 from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- (12) Texas: White-winged doves in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Kinney, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, Willacy, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Gilberson, Hudspeth, and El Paso Counties, Sept. 15, 17, and 19 from 4 p.m. until sunset; daily bag and possession limit for white-winged or mourning doves is not more than 10 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no open season in rest of State.
- (13) Texas: Black-bellied tree duck, no open season.

(a) PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>		<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>		<u>MOORING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>	<u>BAND-TAILED PIGEON</u>
	<u>DUCKS :</u>	<u>GESE AND BRANT :</u> (EXCEPT ROSS'S GOOSE)	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA :</u> <u>OTHERS</u>		
DAILY BAG LIMITS	6 (1)	6 (2)	15	25 15 (3)	10 (4)	8
POSSESSION LIMITS	6 (1)	6 (2)	15	25 15 (3)	10 (4)	8
SEASONS IN:						
Arizona (4)	Nov. 12-Jan. 5			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 1-Oct. 15	Sept. 16-Oct. 15
California (4)	See footnote 5			-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	See footnote 6
Idaho	Nov. 3-Dec. 27 (7)			-----	See footnote 8	-----
Nevada	Oct. 13-Nov. 3 and Dec. 8-Dec. 29			-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	-----
Oregon	Nov. 3-Dec. 27			-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Utah	Oct. 13-Nov. 3 and Nov. 24-Dec. 15			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (9)	-----	-----
Washington	Nov. 3-Dec. 27			-----	-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Alaska	See footnote 10			-----	-----	-----

- (1) No open season on wood ducks in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. In other Pacific Flyway States and Alaska, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers, 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after opening day of the season.
- (2) In any combination not exceeding 2 of Canada geese or its subspecies, white-fronted geese, or brant.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.

(d) PACIFIC FLITWAY STATES (Continued)

- (4) White-winged dove in Arizona and in Imperial County, California, Sept. 1 to Sept. 15. The daily bag and possession limit for white-winged or mourning doves is not more than 10 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.
- (5) Waterfowl and coot in those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties, Calif., east of U. S. Highway 95 from the Nevada line south to Blythe and east of the paved and graded road extending from Blythe to Ripley, Palo Verde and Ogilby south to its intersection with U. S. Highway 80, thence east to Yuma, Nov. 12 to Jan. 5; in rest of California, Oct. 20 to Nov. 10 and Dec. 15 to Jan. 5.
- (6) California: Band-tailed pigeon Sept. 16 to Sept. 30 and Dec. 17 to Dec. 31.
- (7) Idaho: No open season on snow geese and no open season on geese of any other species in Canyon County, except a strip 1 mile wide on each side of the Boise River and a strip 1 mile wide on the northeast side of the Snake River.
- (8) Idaho: Mourning doves in Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Bingham, Bonneville, Clark, Jefferson, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties, no open season; in rest of State, Sept. 1 to Sept. 15.
- (9) Pails and gallinules: When permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season they may not be hunted after 1 hour before sunset.
- (10) Alaska: In the Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions, Sept. 1 to Oct. 25; in the Third Judicial Division (except Kodiak-Afognak Island Group), Sept. 7 to Oct. 31; in the First Judicial Division and the Kodiak-Afognak Island Group Oct. 1 to Nov. 24; provided that scoter and elder ducks also may be taken in the Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 and in the Third Judicial Division west of 152° W. Longitude from Sept. 7 to Dec. 21. The bag limit for scoters and eiders is 10 a day singly or in the aggregate of all kinds, and not more than 20 singly or in the aggregate of all kinds in possession.